

FROME RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1896.

AREA—49,517 Acres.

POPULATION—(estimated to 1896) 13,762.

OCCUPATION—Agricultural and Coal Mining.

						1896.		1895.		1894.
Birth-rate	per	1,000	living	..	...	20·5	...	24·3	...	21·4
Death-rate	,,	,,	,,	...	...	11·6	...	13·1	...	12·6
Zymotic-rate	,,	,,	,,	...	...	·2	...	·08	...	·5
Infant Mortality	,,	,,	births	...	...	76	..	74	...	70

Total Births—282 ; a decrease of 58 on last year.

Total Deaths—160 ; ,, 24 ,,

22 died under 1 year of age.
8 ,, between 1 year and 5 years of age.
3 ,, ,, 5 years and 15 years of age.
6 ,, ,, 15 ,, 25 ,,
53 ,, ,, 25 ,, 65 ,,
68 ,, over 65 years of age.

The Death-rate is lower than in former years, which is probably to a great extent due to the singular immunity from Infectious Disease enjoyed by the District during the past two years.

The Causes of Death were as follows :—

Diphtheria	...	...	1	Phthisis	...	...	15
Enteric Fever	...	...	1	Bronchitis & Pneumonia	...	...	20
Measles	...	...	1	Heart Disease	...	...	21
Rheumatic Fever	...	...	1	Other Causes	...	...	100

Infectious Diseases notified are as follows :—

Scarlatina	...	...	...	...	5
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	5
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	3
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	19
Total	...	...	...	...	33 (last year 36)

This list shows the usual preponderance of Erysipelas, most cases of which have been very slight. Of the remaining 14 cases—one case of Diphtheria, and one case of Enteric Fever have proved fatal.

The Infectious cases have occurred all over the District, and at intervals throughout the year; on notification being received prompt steps were taken, and in no locality has anything in the nature of an epidemic occurred.

Water Supply.—RODDEN.—This Supply seems to be working satisfactorily now, and will no doubt prove a boon to those who avail themselves of it.

COLEFORD.—A large number of samples of Well Water have been analysed during the past year, and a great majority of these proved to be very unsafe for dietetic use. Steps have been taken to close these unsafe Wells, and to induce Owners to lay on the excellent supply now available.

Sewerage.—There is nothing to report.

Infectious Hospital.—There is none in the District, but the Medical Officer of Health and the Inspectors of Nuisances endeavour to isolate cases in their own homes, where possible.

Infectious Diseases Notification Act has been in force here since March, 1890, and works admirably.

Disinfecting Machine.—There is none. Disinfection and fumigation are carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and the Inspectors of Nuisances.

Dairies, Cow-sheds, etc., are inspected occasionally, and where necessary, reported upon.

Inspectors of Nuisances.—There are two, each with a sub-district. Both furnish Reports.

Housing of the Working Classes.—Nothing has arisen during the year on this point.

AUGUSTUS W. DALBY,
Medical Officer of Health.

FROME, *January 29th*, 1897.

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(See Note 2 on back of sheet.)

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State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District . Since when ? Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with blank headings the names of any that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the Locality in which such Hospital is situated; and if not within the District, state where it is situated

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									Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued	Relapsing	Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	*	Injuries.	All Other Diseases.			
Baskington	15	1				7	7	Under 5 5 upwds.																2	1	3				1	14	
Berkley	3					1	2	Under 5 5 upwds.																		2				1	3	
Cleveland	0							Under 5 5 upwds.																								
Elm	7					4	3	Under 5 5 upwds.																1						6	7	
Freese, part of	21	5	3		1	8	4	Under 5 5 upwds.																2	2	2				8	8	
Marathon	0							Under 5 5 upwds.																						7	13	
Merrimack	14	1				4	9	Under 5 5 upwds.																2					1	10	1	
Modena	0							Under 5 5 upwds.																								
Marathon	5					2	3	Under 5 5 upwds.																						5	5	
Phatley	5	2					3	Under 5 5 upwds.																						2	2	
TOTALS	70	9	3		1	26	31	Under 5 5 upwds.																5	5	7		1		12	12	58
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2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a District Council should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.*
3. *The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.*
4. *The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.*

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmarys, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. *The deaths which have to be classified in this Table (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those registered as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, e.g., the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.*

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.			
Area in Acres		_____	
Population (1891)		_____	
" (Estimated to middle of 1896)		_____	
Death Rates.	General	{ per 1,000 Population, esti- mated to middle of 1896.	
	Infant (under one year of age)	{ per 1,000 Births Registered.	

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

Medical Officer of Health.

(Date)

_____, 1897.

(A)

TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1896, in the Force Rural District, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

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Schandwick	1					1		Under 5 upwds.																	1						1						
Wabington	0							Under 5 upwds.																								1					
Wickland	6	1					1	4	Under 5 upwds.																	1				4	5						
Wadwick	0							Under 5 upwds.																													
Winnifon	2						2	Under 5 upwds.																		1				1	2						
Willmendon	34	7	2	2	4	8	11	Under 5 upwds.			1			1											7	3	2		5	9	25						
Waverlon	1						1	Under 5 upwds.																						1	1						
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Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.		
Area in Acres _____		
Population (1891) _____		
" (Estimated to middle of 1896) _____		
Death Rates.	General	{ per 1,000 Population, esti- mated to middle of 1896.
	Infant (under one year of age)	{ per 1,000 Births Registered.

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Medical Officer of Health.

(Date)

, 1897.

(A) **TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1896, in the *Stouffville* District,**

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities. (See note 4 on back of sheet.) (Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.) (a)	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUBJOINED AGES.								MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																						
	At all ages. (b)	Under 1 year. (c)	1 and under 5. (d)	5 and under 15. (e)	15 and under 25. (f)	25 and under 65. (g)	65 and upwards. (h)	(i)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
									Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued	Relapsing	Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	*	Injuries.	All Other Diseases.	TOTAL.	
High Wellington	5					3	2	Under 5 5 upwds.																					3	5	
Males	0							Under 5 5 upwds.																							
Males	12	1	1	1		5	4	Under 5 5 upwds.																1	1	1			6	10	2
Males	5					1	4	Under 5 5 upwds.																	1	1			3	5	1
Males	5					2	2	Under 5 5 upwds.																	1	2			2	4	
Wellington	2					1	1	Under 5 5 upwds.																1	1					2	
Wellington	1					1		Under 5 5 upwds.																	1					1	
Wellington	7	1				3	3	Under 5 5 upwds.																					5	1	6
Folio 1	70	9	3		1	26	31	Under 5 5 upwds.																				1	40	12	58
Folio 2	53	11	3	2	5	11	21	Under 5 5 upwds.			1		1							1									8	14	14
TOTALS	160	22	8	3	6	53	68	Under 5 5 upwds.			1		1						1	1			1	15	14	21		1	22	30	130
The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality. See Note 5 on back.																															
Deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto.								Under 5 5 upwds.																							1
Deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto.								Under 5 5 upwds.																							

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Population (1891)		13237	
" (Estimated to middle of 1896)		13762	
Death Rates.	General	11.6	{ per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1896.
	Infant (under one year of age)	76	{ per 1,000 Births Registered.

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Augustus W. Dalby Medical Officer of Health.

(Date) 29th January, 1897.